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Study committee helps legislators draft bill to revise law concerning mound preservation



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As guardians of our past, we must protect the things that remain sacred to us. And those in the Native American community hold burial mounds very sacred. So to preserve the sanctity of these holy grounds, the Wisconsin Legislative Council's study committee on the preservation of burial sites met in Madison on October 5 to discuss possible statute changes that would address issues with the present law.

"The study committee is charged with evaluating current law," said the committee chair, Representative Amy Loudenberg. "And we have kind of keyed in on certain areas that we think are worth looking at deeper."

The Joint Legislative Council formed the study committee earlier this year to help identify problems with the current statute and to gather information that may assist in finding a solution.

"This committee was created by

the Joint Legislative Council," said Senior Staff Attorney Anna Henning, "to study this issue."

In the interest of fairness, the council has also made sure to include members of the Native American community in the discussion.

"We're talking about a process to protect burial sites," said Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer Bill Quackenbush. "Burial sites are very significant to tribes in this area."

Looking for some professional input to aid in that discussion, the study committee turned to the experts. Thomas Larson, the Senior Vice President of Legal and Public Affairs provided testimony on behalf of the Wisconsin Realtors Association.

"We were asked to come," Larson said, "to talk a little bit about the current law with respect to the required disclosures for property owners in a real-estate transaction, and then also provide some commentary and feedback on possible ways to improve these disclosures to ensure that prospective buyers are more informed about potential burial sites on their property."

The testimony proved important, as it revealed that homebuyers may not always receive notice about the existence of a burial mound on their property upon purchasing the land. As a result, issues can arise if the new owner then decides to make changes to his or her property.

"Tribal sites aren't specifically spelled out in the real-estate condition report," said Senator Jon Erpenbach. "But they could be possibly listed under a defect."

However, most reasonable people would not consider a burial mound to be a "defect." This means that the mound's existence does not appear on the condition report, and often remains



The Director of the Wisconsin Historical Society, Ellsworth H. Brown provides testimony to the Wisconsin Legislative Council's study committee on the preservation of burial sites.

unknown to prospective buyers. Therefore, the real defect lies in the disclosure process.

"We talked a little bit about what happens in a property transaction if there is a burial site," said Representative Loudenberg, "and what the difference is between a cataloged and uncataloged site."

Currently, burial mound sites fall into one of two categories – cataloged or uncataloged. The existence of a cataloged burial mound must be noted on the deed to a property.

"It's recorded directly against the property," said the president of Wingra Stone Company, Robert Shea. "And it is a permanent encumbrance, certainly."

Unfortunately, the existence of an uncataloged burial mound does not get listed on the deed. That leaves disclosure of such information to seller's discretion. Often, the seller chooses not to disclose this information.

"There's really no notice," said the committee vice chair, Representative Robert Brooks. "That's concerning

to me."

In other words, homebuyers put themselves at the mercy of the seller. They rely on the seller's integrity in disclosing all known information about the property.

"The property owner is required to only disclose known defects associated with the property," Larson said. "There is not a specific disclosure requirement for burial sites."

Consequently, disclosures about the existence of burial mounds have fallen under the honor system. Since the law does not technically require it, sellers might not disclose that an uncataloged burial mound exists on the property.

"If somebody's looking at buying a house," Senator Erpenbach said, "the last thing on their mind is whether or not there's a tribal burial site there."

Thus, consumers wish for more transparency in the home-buying process. Although the initial reaction would be to publicize the location of all burial mound sites, that could jeopardize the welfare of these mounds.

"The law requires us to

protect all burial sites," said Ellsworth Brown, Director of the Wisconsin Historical Society. "We're charged with the preservation of burial sites."

To minimize the risk of looting, the historical society does not make the location of the mounds public knowledge. Instead, the society safeguards that information.

"We want to make sure that the law can protect burial sites," Representative Loudenberg said. "But at the same time, the law is

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Vote for a candidate natives can get behind

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Election Day is fast approaching. This year, due to November 1 falling on the first Tuesday, November 8 is Election Day. Americans will go to the polls to elect their next president.

For Ho-Chunks and other natives, we represent only 2 percent of the American population. But we are sovereign nations within the general population. Will we ever get representation we feel we deserve?

It stands to be a historic election, as America may have its first female president, first non-politician or business man, or first third party candidate elected to our highest office.

This election cycle we have Hillary Clinton running as a Democrat, Donald Trump as the Republican candidate, Dr. Jill Stein of the Green Party, and Gary Johnson on the Libertarian ticket.

The candidates' campaign websites outline their platforms and stance on various issues. I visited each candidates' website to find a candidate natives can get behind.

Hillary Clinton's website promoted Donald Trump's infamous locker room talk video on its main page. All the other candidates had photos of themselves and their running mates at campaign events on their main pages.

The general consensus is dissatisfaction with the two-party system candidates. Clinton and Trump are viewed as untrustworthy and dishonest by a majority of the US population. The third party candidates aren't considered much in the current two-party system. Many countries around the world have more than two-parties in their elections.

First and foremost, Americans gained insight through WikiLeaks, a journalistic organization that publishes secret information, news leaks, and classified media, release of emails from the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton campaign that the Democratic primary was rigged in favor of Clinton and stacked against Senator Bernie Sanders.

The emails show that Sanders' religion was targeted, that he had no Democratic Party understanding – he's an outsider, and Clinton lawyers gave advice on how to handle Sanders popularity. The Huffington Post, an online news media outlet, questioned whether or not the DNC ran a legitimate fair election and why the DNC didn't treat Sanders as a viable candidate for the party's nomination.

This information, regardless of native or not, stains the American political stage more so, since democracy is spread to various countries through American regime change ef-

forts. To me, it's more about gaining access to another nation's resources more than spreading freedom with Democracy. Natives having been dealing with regime change since 1492.

Major issues that affect natives during this election cycle revolve around being considered and consulted in the current Obama administration "government to government" approach to tribal relations.

The biggest issue facing natives is the opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline construction in North Dakota. Hundreds of tribes, including the Ho-Chunk Nation, sent letters of support to the Standing Rock Sioux tribe who is directly affected by the pipeline once a leak occurs.

Locally, we also face the environmental dangers of fracking and desecration of sacred sites, like burial mounds.

Trump, who natives have already dealt with as a casino competitor, wants to profit from shale, oil, and natural gas if elected as president. His website says there's \$50 million in energy available and 2 million jobs in shale alone. It says it's a way for America to rely less on foreign energy sources.

It's reported that Trump has direct interest in the Dakota Access Pipeline.

As Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton promoted fracking around the world – even cre-

ated a new section within the State Department yet, Clinton claims she wants to follow Obama's pledge of the Paris climate conference to reduce greenhouse gas emission by 2030.

She also wants to revitalize the coal communities in the US. She has not offered her support against the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Stein's website directly supports the opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline. Stein was charged with vandalism by Morton County Sheriff Department for spray painting on a bulldozer when she was at the site. Stein has also called for a national ban on fracking.

Stein has developed the Green New Deal that would create millions of environmental jobs with the goal of 100 percent clean renewable energy by 2030.

Gary Johnson's website says he's for responsibly protecting the earth through proper governance, taxes, and policies. Johnson has not commented on his stance on the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Stein rises to the top of the pack on support against the Dakota Access Pipeline fight. Her position for a national ban on fracking far exceeds other candidates when it comes to environmental protection.

Stein also backs clemency for Leonard Peltier, the AIM leader and native activist.

All candidates promote earning a living wage for American workers. All candidates also advocate making the wealthy, Wall Street, and corporations pay their fair

share of taxes.

Note that Hillary Clinton is criticized for her lucrative Wall Street speeches she gave, where she earned upwards of \$200,000 per speech. Her speeches earned her \$22 million.

Trump is criticized for not releasing his taxes. Before the last presidential debate, Trump's taxes were leaked by the New York Times showing \$916 million loss in 1995, thus not having to pay taxes for up to 18 years.

The bigger questions are: why were these tax loopholes created, by who, who knew about, and why wasn't it voted down or changed to prevent it from happening again?

The Democratic Party is the same party I've known and supported throughout my adult life. But now, it morphed into one driven by corporate interests and that bows down those interests.

This change has caused me to look to third party candidates in this election cycle.

If you also are not satisfied with the two candidates who are debating and will be on the ballot this November 8, remember there are other candidates on the ballot as well.

My party nominated Hillary Clinton as its presidential candidate. But her actions don't align with my personal and political perspectives. Whichever candidate you vote for, make sure they align with your perspectives, not just by political party lines alone.

Most important, be sure to vote on Election Day.

Letter to the Editor,

I am writing to share my opinion about the people voting to increase per cap. I believe there is plenty of money to increase per cap - actually to double it.

People want to set their own family priorities rather than rely on a small number of elected or appointed officials to decide what is best for their family. By the way, elected and appointed officials who get large salaries and spend huge amounts of tribal money on their own travel. To the tune of tens of thousands of dollars. Plus catering by Famous Dave's. The Nation can't set up a cost savings purchasing plan but they know how to manage your life.

I often hear these officials say they won't increase per cap because "they (tribal members) don't know how to handle their money" or we don't have money to increase per cap. This is the same talk from maixete government officials.

In my opinion, well-meaning people have created a bloated, wasteful government with ineffectual programs

where certain people are allowed to get thousands of dollars a year with no pay back and the majority of us "don't qualify".

The nation is currently wasting tens of thousands per program on such things as: certain people's potato chip tabs at casino snack bars, paying some people's cable bills, buying computers for some people, paying some people's cell phone bills, paying some people's tuitions for years even when they do not pass their courses, one time emergency funds and the list unfortunately goes on.

By eliminating these programs and the staff that administers them the nation would have plenty for equal distribution of per cap. Rather than the current unequal distribution. Folks can return to Grant writing for their programs rather than using NPD funds right away.

With the increase people can set their own family priorities. If you want to go to school, buy a computer, pay your cable bill, buy a house, buy a backpack, pay your taxes, buy a car, whatever,

you can do it without standing in line and filling out a bunch of forms only to be told you don't qualify. But someone who just got their \$250,000 trust fund can get tens of thousands more for school?

Currently, officials are running around the TOB advocating for someone's backpack.

By doubling per cap and not having to administer the minutia of a person's life they can return to the "big picture, general welfare" issues of business development, health, early education, housing, environment, community/culture, etc.

This would also encourage personal responsibility and alleviate tribal members blaming the nation for all of their problems.

Also, this increase would allow many single parent workers making \$10 per hour to be with their kids and go to school without having to spend their weekly check just to cover child care.

Lastly, anyone who for whatever reason, doesn't want the increase can turn it down. You're not forced to take it.

Thomas Eades

Letter to the Editor,

Regarding article "GCA Ousted, President Cleveland..."

If I read the referenced article correctly, it states 2016 General Council (GC) voted on Resolutions in the following order:

First: Michelle DeCora presented a Resolution to dissolve the GC Agency (GCA). GC voted and dissolved GCA.

Next: Resolution presented to approve the (now defunct) GCA's budget. Francis DeCora states, "We approved the agenda, which includes the GCA budget. We have to move forward."

"Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!"

I am trying to piece together the series of events at GC since I was unable to attend. I must be missing something; or perhaps something was left out of the article.

Here's my understanding of the article. First GC votes and dissolves GCA. Then

GC votes and approves a budget for GCA, a defunct agency.

Why did GC vote/approve a budget for a defunct agency (GCA)?

Answer: Everyone knew it would take our Legislature 7-8 years to implement! Haha.

Guerrero came up with some embarrassing resolutions. Wow.

Were Guerrero's Resolutions reviewed by the GCA attorney prior to being presented to General Council? I will bet a nickel Guerrero did not let the GCA attorney review her "waste of time" Resolutions. The GCA attorney, who I have worked with, would have pointed out the lack of the Per Cap increase amount and the date to implement the increase; and caught spelling mistakes.

-Bill Winnesheik



Ho-Chunk Nation’s attorney general featured on local billboard

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Among the hills and valleys of Jackson County, a picture of Amanda WhiteEagle grabs the attention of passersby along I-94.

Her photo is on a billboard, on display since September 1. It features Amanda as one of the many successful graduates of University of Wisconsin – Madison.

“Amanda’s billboard is part of a larger mission called ‘Project 72’ for the 72 counties in Wisconsin,” said Vince Sweeney, vice president of communications for the Wisconsin Alumni Association. “We have 69 of the 72 counties with similar billboards, featuring a UW-Madison graduate. The only reason we don’t have the remaining two counties covered is because they are so small, no billboards in those counties were available.”

“The reason for the project is to celebrate the positive impact of UW-Madison, which extends into every corner of the state,” Sweeney said. “Someone like Amanda is featured in every county.”

Choosing whose picture will be displayed was the hardest thing they had to do because there were so many positive stories out there, he said. Each of the featured alumni had their stories posted on the web site at www.boundlesstogether.org.

“I’m honored to be a part of the Boundless Together Campaign between Wisconsin and UW-Madison,” WhiteEagle said. “UW-Madison truly highlights the Wisconsin Idea, which in essence, states that university research and studies should be applied to solve issues and improve the well-being, quality of life, the environment, and agriculture for all citizens of the state. Although the billboard will soon

be coming down, they hope to make similar displays next year, along with other promotional efforts throughout the year.”

WhiteEagle credits both the university and the Ho-Chunk Nation for her success.

“None of my accomplishments would exist without my education from UW-Madison; similarly, none of my accomplishments would exist without the support of the Ho-Chunk Nation. I’m extremely grateful that I was able to utilize my ‘18 money’ – which was less than \$20,000 – as well as the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education funding for both undergraduate and graduate school,” she said.

“I hope that the citizens of Jackson County drive past the billboard, and think, ‘I’d like to go to UW-Madison and come back to live and work here.’ I hope that all of the Ho-Chunk youth see the billboard and consider UW-Madison for their education, and then come to work for the Nation,” WhiteEagle said. “I’ve been employed with the Nation for nearly 12 years, and there’s no place that I’d rather be.”

On the alumni web site, she tells her story:

At age 11, Amanda WhiteEagle’s father planted a seed.

“Long before I knew what went into going to law school, I told him that I wanted to be an attorney,” she said. “He told me that the Ho-Chunk Nation could always use good lawyers, and to me that seemed like a pretty good fit.”

Today, WhiteEagle is attorney general of the Ho-Chunk Nation, leading a Department of Justice committed to defending the tribe’s sovereignty, interpreting its constitution, and protecting the tribe’s legal interests.

WhiteEagle earned bache-



A billboard featuring Amanda WhiteEagle can be seen along westbound I-90 between the Highway 54 and Highway 12/27 exits.

lor’s degrees in Anthropology and French and a certificate in American Indian Studies at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Then, she headed for UW Law School, armed with a tribal scholarship that provided her with a post-graduation job.

At UW Law School, she took a deep dive into tribal law. When she graduated from UW–Madison in 2005, she went to work as a law clerk for the tribe. When she was just a year out of law school, a vacancy for a tribal judgeship came open, and she applied and was appointed.

At age 27, WhiteEagle became one of the youngest judges in the United States.

“When I was confirmed, my fellow judges took me to lunch at the casino, and I got carded,” WhiteEagle said, who served on the bench from 2006 to 2015 before being appointed the tribe’s top legal officer.

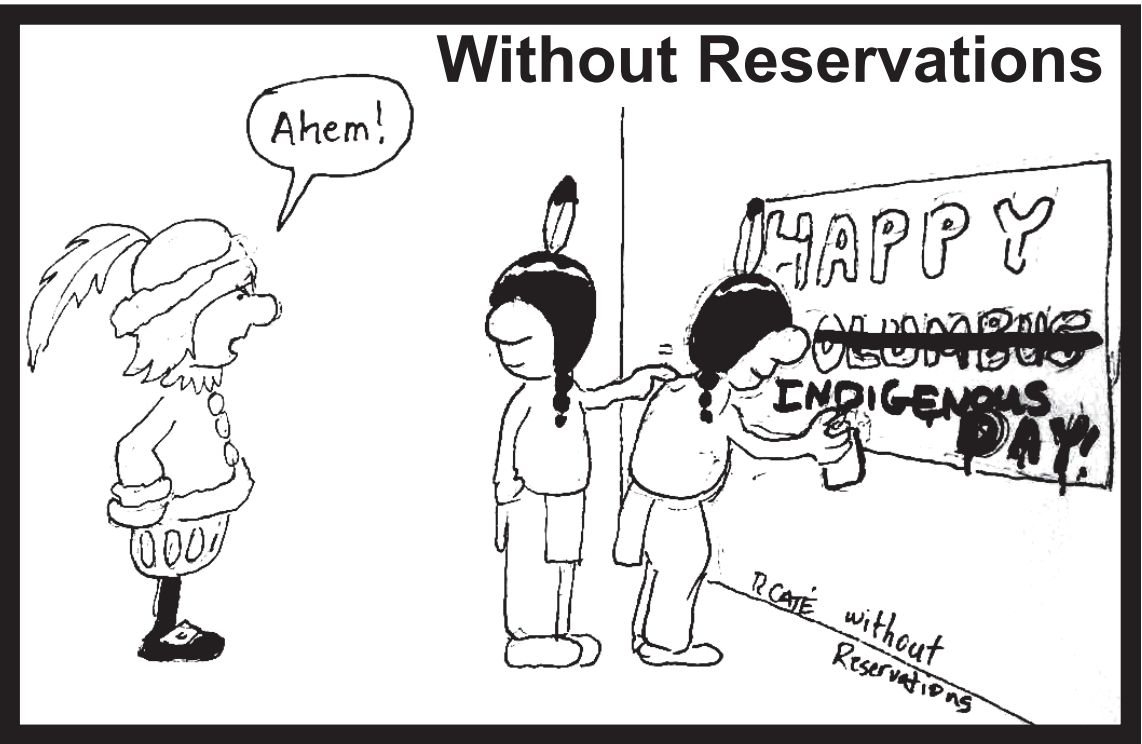
She credits her UW-Madison education for helping build her career, which also included working as a Jackson County court commissioner.

“The Wisconsin Idea was instilled in me as an undergraduate and in law school.

The fabric of the state is woven into the education and was ensuring that I was giving back to my community,” WhiteEagle said.

It also meshes with Ho-Chunk tribal ethics and values.

“Being a tribal member allows me to provide for my community, and what’s expected from the community is that we give back,” she said.



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Tribal members, law enforcement officials get involved in ‘Taking Back Our Communities’

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

Substance abuse presents a real problem in the community. To combat that problem, the HCN Family Services Program sponsored the annual “Taking Back Our Communities” drug forum at the Lunda Theater in Black River Falls at the end of last month.

“The main purpose of this program is to bring awareness to what’s going on in our community,” said Family Services Program Manager Tena Quackenbush. “We’re bringing awareness to the drug epidemic.”

The program came to the Ho-Chunk community years ago, in order to address a gang called the “Llama Mafia.” The gang consisted of

several young girls from the Ho-Chunk Nation. Although the gang has since been eradicated, the awareness programs still continues today.

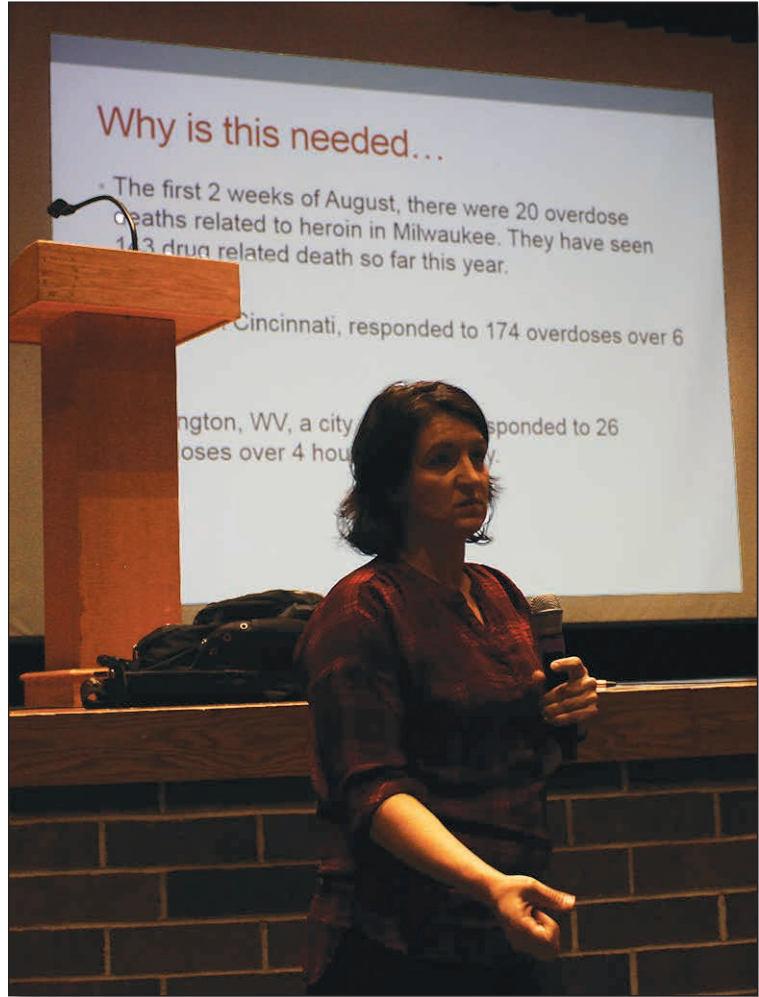
“We want to continue servicing the Nation,” said Substance Abuse Counselor Hera Lonetree-Rindahl. “We want the communities that we live in to remain sober.”

The annual gathering helps to educate concerned citizens about substance abuse, and possible prevention methods. So every year, community members sit and listen to presentations given by law enforcement officials on important issues facing their community.

“It’s all of us working together,” said Officer Tom Cooper of the Black River



Law enforcement officials support “Taking Back Our Communities,” with Family Services Program Manager Tena Quackenbush.



AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin representative Laura Runchey provides statistics on drug overdoses in the country.

Falls Police Dept. “We react.”

And everyone has been getting involved in the effort. Several tribal members even attended the meeting, including City Councilman Curtis Redbird.

“This is an issue,” Redbird said. “This is something that has to be taken seriously by everybody.”

In addition to law enforcement officials, Laura Runchey, a representative from the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin (ARCW) contributed to the discussion. She educated participants about various ways to reduce the spread of disease and limit the number of deaths caused by intravenous drug use.

“We want to make sure that we’re empowering the community,” Runchey said. “That’s the main goal.”

Without a doubt, the health advocate achieved her goal. For everybody left the meeting more knowledgeable than before. Because of that, those involved in the program deemed the night a success.

“The presentation was

amazing,” Quackenbush said. “It was really good.”

But to say the program has been “good” is an understatement. Each year, thousands of lives are being saved thanks to the efforts of “Taking Back Our Communities.” So for the sake of future generations, the program will continue as long as possible.

“We want to see our next generation being able to stay sober and not using any substances to escape reality,” Lonetree-Rindahl said. “So if you have a drug problem, if you have a mental health issue, we are here to help you.”



Community members receive information about our nation’s drug culture.

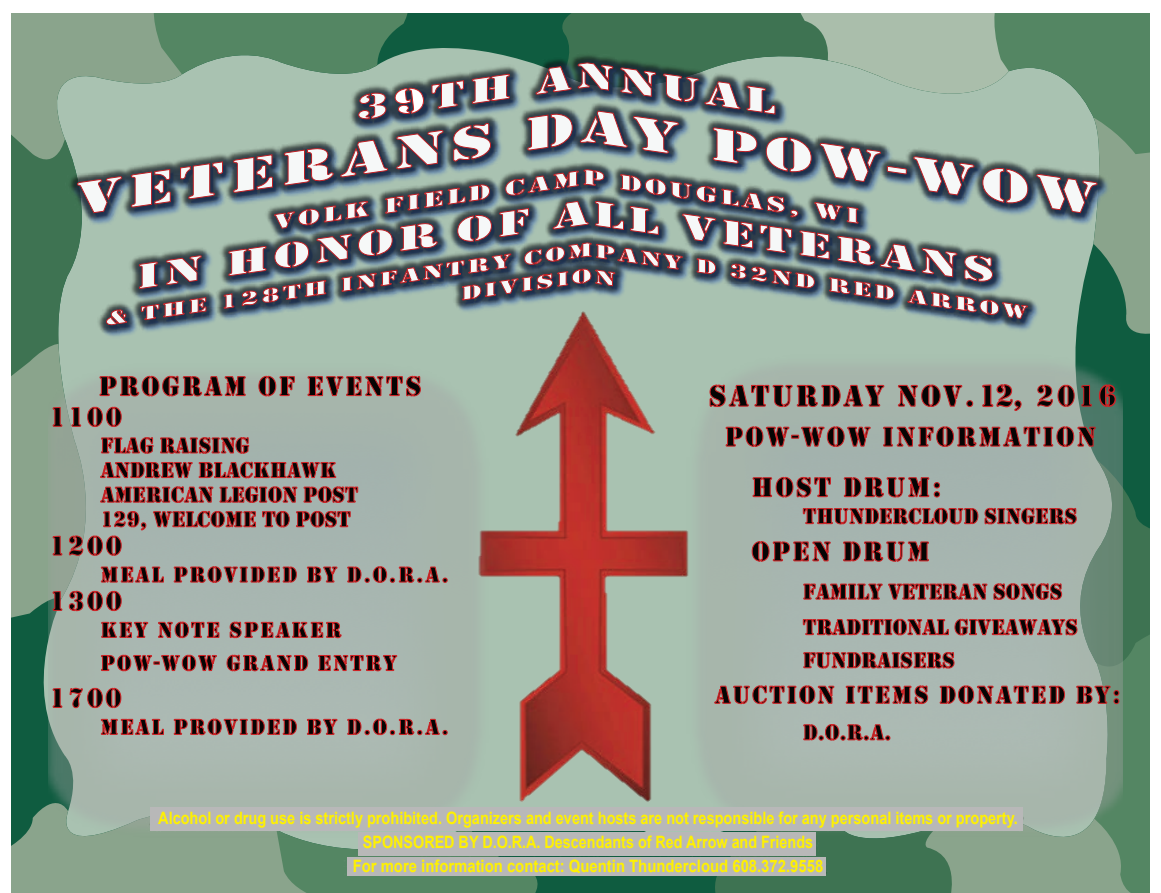


Behavioral Health representatives Ashley Jakel (left) and Hera Lonetree-Rindahl (right) man an informational booth that informs visitors about the different services their division has to offer.



Narcotics Anonymous set up an informational booth for “Taking Back Our Communities.”

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Native American artist honors Chief Ahuchoga (Blue Wing) at mural dedication ceremony

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Staff Writer

We all feel the need to honor the ones who came before us. And after hearing about the great Ho-Chunk Chief Ahuchoga, Joann Mundth Douglas felt that need. So to honor Ahuchoga, Douglas, the Executive Director of Reedsburg Artslink decided that a mural should be dedicated in memory of the honorable Indian chief.



“I had heard the story of what happened with Ahuchoga,” Douglas said. “And I was just so touched by that story.”

To make her vision a reality, Douglas recruited renowned Native American artist Wesley May. May created the mural with the helping hands of the Reedsburg community, where the painting will hang for at least the next five years. The dedication ceremony took place at Harvest Park on Saturday, October 8, and drew in many residents of the city.

The artist hopes that the painting will give Ahuchoga the recognition that he deserves. “The goal is to keep his legacy alive,” May said. “He was considered one of the founding members of Reedsburg.”

The future of the mural remains unknown, as does the fate of the building upon which it has been displayed. But May hopes that the mural can become a permanent fixture somewhere in the community.

“It’s going to be up there for a while,” May said.

Hopefully, the mural will stand the test of time. That way, residents of Reedsburg can always remember the great Ahuchoga.



Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development receives \$20,000 grant for food sovereignty assessment

Submitted by Melanie Stacy, Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency

The Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development recently received a \$20,000 grant from the First Nations Development Institute of Longmont, Colorado. This award is under their Native Agriculture and Food Systems Initiative (NAFSI) made possible by the NoVo Foundation. The funds will support the efforts of the HHCD Organic Community Garden Projects and their communities by hiring one part-time employee for a one-year term.

There are currently three organic community garden projects located in the Ho-Chunk Nation villages: Blue Wing Village in Tomah, WI (established

in 2014); Indian Heights Village in Wisconsin Dells, WI. (established in 2015); and Sandpellow Village in Black River Falls, WI. (established this year). Each project utilized the same start-up template with the training starting with community gatherings with discussion and decisions being made based on Hocak values. Every step was a teaching/learning process with the same training concepts, including soil management, building raised beds, organic gardening practices, food preservation, nutrition and herb classes, all incorporating Ho-Chunk cultural values. The food-sovereignty assessment will assist the Project Volunteers in meeting the needs of each community more specifically. It will also help educate the Nation on the cur-

rent state of the food security and what and how changes can be made to attain food sovereignty.

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development is a Tribally Designated Housing Entity for the Ho-Chunk Nation and is a non-profit with a 501(c)(3) status. Our mission “is to foster a strong, healthy community of which Ho-Chunk members can be proud – through providing members with quality, affordable housing and programs that help meet their social, cultural, and community needs.” HHCD looks forward to this partnership with First Nations Development Institute as we continue to serve the Hocak communities in the best way possible. “Wa’inginaḡwi”

Mound Preservation

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very protective of where the sites are because they’re sacred. So it’s tough.”

Some people believe that making this information more readily available to consumers would alleviate many of the problems that have been encountered.

“Any time you can make that information more apparent for a prospective buyer,” Larson said, “I think it’s a good thing.”

But tribal members disagree. For they wish to protect the burial sites at all costs.

“We need to protect our cultural resources,” said Bill

Quackenbush. “It behooves us.”

Having acknowledged the danger in publicizing the location of the mounds, the committee is seeking another viable solution that would allow buyers to become aware of burials sites on property in which they feel interested. One suggested that buyers be directed to the Wisconsin Historical Society if they are concerned about the existence of a burial mound on the property. Then, the historical society could notify buyers of a burial site without releasing that information to the public.

“It’s just letting people make an informed decision,” Representative Loudenberg said. “More information is not a bad thing to make a decision, so that somebody doesn’t end up purchasing a property that is a known site – but they didn’t know about it.”

Discussion also included the process of de-cataloging a known burial site. Some people believe that landowners should be able “to challenge the existence of human remains in the burial site,” as worded in a previous piece of legislation, in order to remove the site from the historical society’s catalog should no remains be found.

“There’s not really an appeal process,” Brooks said, “to de-catalog a property.”

In an attempt to grant prop-

erty owners with a cataloged site on their land the right to challenge, Republicans tried to push Assembly Bill 620 during the last legislative session. The bill would have allowed landowners to disturb cataloged burial sites.

“It provide[d] landowners a fair process to prove that human remains are not present on their land,” committee member Robert Shea said, “so they can use their own land.”

Thankfully, the bill failed to receive a vote in the legislature. Had the bill passed, no burial mound would have been protected by the law. All burial sites would have been subject to a “minimal disturbance,” which greatly offends descendants of those buried within the mounds.

“I’m totally against any type of disturbance,” said committee member David Grignon. “If it’s an effigy mound, we know there’s a burial there.”

Obviously, those in the Native American community maintain that no investigation needs to be done on any burial mound. In support of this argument, they highlight the fact that their ancestors built the mounds specifically for those who walked.

“If I’m the seller,” Senator Erpenbach said, “I think it’s awesome that I’ve got a tribal burial mound on the ground. If anything, it might add to the value.”

Sadly, not everyone feels the same. Some landowners argue that the restrictions placed on property with cataloged burial sites infringe upon land usage rights.

“They want to make sure that people’s property rights are protected,” said Representative Loudenberg. “The people in that kind of camp would like to see more flexibility.”

Clearly, a line needs to be drawn somewhere. Limits must be set on the continued deprivation of Native American rights.

“Many sites are destroyed,” Ellsworth said. “If it is an uncatalogued site [,] there are very few limits or restrictions.”

So to protect their cultural heritage, and the resting place of their ancestors, Native Americans on the study committee are standing up for the rights of their people and lobbying for greater protection of the burial mounds.

“I think we all agree,” Representative Loudenberg said, “it’s important to preserve burial sites.”

Time will tell if the bill reflects that opinion, though. In hopes of reaching a consensus and finalizing the proposal, the committee will meet twice more at the State Capitol. The next meeting is scheduled for November 10, when the issue gets brought to the table again.

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W9814 Airport Rd in Black River Falls, WI

Grand Prize: Packer Tickets (12/11 @ Green Bay vs. Seahawks)

This is a drug and alcohol free event. Ho-Chunk Nation and the Domestic Abuse Division are not responsible for any personal injuries or damage to property.

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Special Thanks to:

Ten Ho-Chunk elders trek to South America for fun, education and cultural understanding

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

It all started about a year ago – just a casual conversation about what each person had on his or her bucket list. That conversation at the Tribal Aging Unit turned a dream into reality.

“I was talking to Rosalee Brownthunder and she said visiting Israel was on her bucket list,” said JoAnn Jones. “I said Machu Pichu was on my bucket list. I also wanted to see the Amazon River.”

“Let’s not just talk about it – let’s do it,” Maxine Kolner said.

Rosalee began talking to Dianna Thundercloud about the possibility of taking such a trip and soon it snowballed. Other people expressed interest in going along, so Dianna talked to the staff at Higgins Travel in Black River Falls to see what might be possible.

Twelve people jumped onboard with the trip immediately, making deposits for the trip that would be a year away. Some of them dropped out, for one reason or another over the year, but other people took their places, so that eventually 10 Ho-Chunk members were set to go.

“JoAnn opened the invitation to whoever wanted to go,” said Bow Lucero, who went with his mother, Linda Hopinka.

Going on the trip to South America were JoAnn Jones, Tom Jones, Bow Lucero, Linda Hopinka, Elliot Kolner, Maxine Kolner, Diana Thundercloud, Bill Kingswan, Mike Schudlach and Linda Schudlach. Diana served as an interpreter since she speaks

fluent Spanish.

They left on August 4 from various airports, such as Minneapolis, Madison and Chicago, and all gathered in Miami, Florida, for the next leg of the journey, combining with other people from across the country who would join the tour for a total of 28 people.

The next morning the group boarded a plane for Bogota, Columbia, then boarded a connecting flight to Quito, Ecuador. Arriving the afternoon on Aug. 5, they checked into their hotel, ate dinner and prepared for the next day. That next day, they spent exploring the reaches of Quito.

“It was kind of like a third-world city, very old and mountainous, and had large influences from Spain and the Catholic Church,” Bow said.

Throughout the city, remnants of Inca civilization still exists. The people who live there today, the Quechua, are descendants of the Incas.

The highlight of the city tour was a tourist destination that showed a line on the ground, indicating a representation of the equator. People danced on the equator.

There was a portion of the city that was a traditional village where many crafts were sold, including weavings.

“One of the neat things is that dogs were roaming all over. They were tame, but free and no one was bothered by them,” Bow said.

The next day, they checked out of the hotel and boarded a bus to travel across the east Andes Mountains. Bow described it as a dangerous trip, with narrow roads, sheer drop-offs on the outside edge, and no guardrails.

As they rode, the climate changed and the vegetation dwindled. Some people aboard began to get altitude sickness. Going down, everything turned green again. It was about a five-hour drive across the Andres before reaching a bird sanctuary in what is named the “Cloud Forest.”

They stopped for about an hour, admiring the exotic birds and flowers, before moving on. Further down, they encountered more and more jungle.

They eventually made it to their destination: Casa del Suizo, their hotel for the next few days, right on the banks and overlooking the Napo River in eastern Ecuador.

One of their first ventures in their new location was a trip 10 miles down the river in a canopy-covered boat.

“It was neat and beautiful. The water was between 15 and 20 feet deep and there were traditional huts all along the river banks,” Bow said.

“It was about 90 degrees and very high humidity.”

They visited a native family in their home. The houses are built on poles above the ground, which prevents many insects and other ground-dwelling creatures from entering the house. The walls were enclosed only four feet high, then open above that to provide fresh air, yet no bugs seemed to enter. Inside, a wood stove has a fire burning in it all the time, day and night. It has special rocks in it, one for each member of the family. Termite-created

substance was continually burned, the smoke giving off a scent that repelled insects from the home.

Elliot said he particularly enjoyed connecting with the native culture, which is 95 percent of the population.

“They’re still living the way they always did,” he said.

To combat altitude sickness, the people chew cocoa leaves, which are available almost everywhere. They are even available to passengers at the airport.

“They and their ancestors have been eating the cocoa leaves for thousands of years,” Bow said.

Shooting with blow darts is something they never thought they would be doing while on vacation, but they were given that opportunity while visiting the family in the jungle. They had a fake monkey and honed

in their skills while attempting to strike the monkey with a dart, all the while wearing hunter face paint.

“There are plants nearby that produce a special type of seed. Those seeds are used for making face paint,” he said.

At the end of their home visit experience, they took the boat back upriver and retreated to their rooms at the hotel. That night it began raining at 10 p.m. and rained all night.

“There were no windows, but the openings all had screens. We heard all kinds of bugs that night, and even monkeys. It was a beautiful noise,” he said.

The next day, Aug. 8, they spent the day on a jungle walk. The guides were very knowledgeable and provided information on much of the flora and fauna along the way. The journey was about



12 miles and included a ride across a canyon on a zip line. “We even got to eat some ants that gave us a burst of energy. They tasted like lime,” Bow said. They talked about the medicinal values of the plants and natural cures.

After the hikes, they went down river to a place called Amazoonia, a nature sanctuary where they kept pigs, monkeys, wild cats, macaws and other animals that couldn’t live on their own.

The next day, Aug. 9, the group headed back to Quito and they flew to Lima, Peru. The next day, they toured the city, visiting the churches and catacombs. They found out that many of the church were built on top of Inca temples. At La Huaca Puellana, within the city of Lima, they saw the Inca ruins. The largest structure was built from hand-made adobe blocks, not from rock.

“There are 40 ruins within the city,” Bow said.

Another area they visited was the Plaza de los Ancestros, or plaza of the ancestors. Nearby, they were able to buy handmade crafts fairly reasonably from local people.

“The exchange rate was good, about 3:1, so we were able to buy everything fairly inexpensively,” Elliot said.

That evening was celebrated with a great dinner at the ho-

tel. Bill ate some Alpaca and said it was very good - better than beef, in his opinion.

The next day, Aug. 11, they departed for Cusco in southern Peru. This was the start of their journey through the land of the Sacred Valley of the Incas, where the more traditional people lived.

“We went around Cusco and traditional people were walking around with their llamas. It was the most awesome city, very traditional, with churches all over.”

Three symbols they regularly saw, part of their religion and beliefs, were the condor, the puma and the serpent. The churches were often built from existing structures and built on top of those walls, combining an old structure with a new one.

The next day, Aug. 12, the group traveled to Machu Picchu.

“The ride was along the Sacred Valley and all along the valley are ruins, all adobe style. At one point, they couldn’t travel by road, so they boarded a train for a 45-minute ride through a crack in the mountains. The only other option was a four-day trek by horse or donkey.

Arriving in the small town of Machu Picchu, they felt as though they were surrounded by very steep mountains – like walls. A hotel in the small



Visiting the ruins of Machu Picchu are Bill Kingswan, Maxine Kolner, Diana Thundercloud, Elliot Kolner, JoAnn Jones, Tom Jones, Linda Hopinkah, Bow Lucero, Linda Schmudlach, and Michael Schmudlach.

village would be their home for the night, but meanwhile, they wanted to make their way to the famous Machu Picchu ruins at the top.

Buses drove on a regular basis to the top, offering tourists a very steep ride that involved a multitude of switchbacks. At the top, regular long lines are formed of the many tourists to see and walk among the remains of the ancient civilization. But once they arrived within the city atop the majestic mountains, it was well worth all the effort, Bow said.

“Words can’t describe the power of the place,” he said. “You can feel the energy.”

The stones were cut by hand and fit so closely that a sheet of paper couldn’t be inserted into any of the cracks. Natural waters were coming out of the mountains and through the ancient village, providing the needed element for the people so long ago.

One of the spheres that towered above the ancient houses and yards and churches and stores was the site of human sacrifices that were made by Incas long ago. A stone stairway extended to the top, but access to those steps was not allowed.

That night was spent in Machu Picchu. Maxine gave little Ho-Chunk baskets as gifts to each of the people in the Ho-Chunk group, made by Sidney Hall Jr. She wanted

to give them at Machu Picchu but the timing wasn’t right, so she gave them at breakfast the next morning.

The group made their way to Lima for another night before flying back to Miami on Aug. 15, thus concluding their adventure.

But before they left, that night in Lima provided an opportunity to connect with the local, traditional ways. They came upon a group of Shaman, struck up a conversation and spent three hours with them, eating, talking and praying.

Now that they have returned to their homes, they reflect on

their journey and the impact it has had on their lives.

“We made a lot of friends along the way,” Maxine said.

She encourages others to travel and learn about other cultures and lands. They never saw anything negative.

“It was everything I dreamed about,” JoAnn said. “It was entertaining, adventurous, spiritual, mystical, magical and surreal,” Jones said. “It was more beautiful than I could imagine.”

“I would do it again. It was very educational,” Maxine said. “The cultures were amazing.”



HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES-BLACK RIVER
FALLS, WI
SEPTEMBER 20, 2016
10:00 A.M.

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.
Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P Vice President Darren Brinegar-P Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P Rep. Lori Pettibone-P Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P Rep. Andrea Estebo-P Rep. David Greendeer-EX Rep. Henning Garvin-P Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P Rep. Shelby Visintin-CC Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-EX Rep. Matt Mullen-P Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-EX Rep. Robert TwoBears-P
*CC – Conference Call

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established.
Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the agenda with moving up to hear the District 5-Chicago Area Meeting minutes, along with Resolution-Donation to the Chicago Foundation of Women for Drum Group and Dancers at the Chicago Foundation of Women 2016 Annual Luncheon as the first item on the agenda, and Under New Business-Striking J. Audit Law; adding Under New Business-O. Resolution-Confirmation of Steve Abangan to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
District 5-Chicago Area Meeting-September 12, 2016
READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Dolly Finn, to have Elliot Funmaker of the Wisconsin Dells Singers and his Dance group perform during the luncheon for the Chicago Foundation of Women. Four singers and four dancers-2 males, and 2 females. To approve \$1,700 dollars for this performance and have the money taken from the District 5. Regarding Resolution 02-23-16 H, Fiscal Year Ending 2015 Unexpended Funds Appropriation for Legislative District and Community Improvements.
Resolution-Donation to the Chicago Foundation of Women for Drum Group

and Dancers at the Chicago Foundation of Women 2016 Annual Luncheon.
MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to adopt **Resolution 09-20-16 A**, Donation to the Chicago Foundation of Women for Drum Group and Dancers at the Chicago Foundation of Women 2016 Annual Luncheon. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo.
SECOND WITHDRAWS. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 4-4(Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Henning Garvin)-2(Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Lori Pettibone) **TIE VOTE.** President Wilfrid Cleveland votes in favor. **MOTION CARRIED.**
Note: Rep. Robert TwoBears abstains because his sister is a part of the Dance Group.
READ FOR THE RECORD:
MOTION by Debbie Neer, that only bus passengers from Chicago to Madison, are the only ones allowed on the bus return to Chicago on Saturday, September 17, 2016. No additional passengers.
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: **Legislative Meeting – September 9, 2016**
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to approve the September 9, 2016, Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 8-0-2 (Rep. Henning Garvin, Rep. Douglas Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Committee Reports: **Presentation-Health, Social Services & Insurance Committee – August 30, 2016-Referral of Actuarial & Health Care Solutions Final Report** *Referred to the October 2016 Health, Social Services & Insurance Committee Meeting.*
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to refer back to the Health, Social Services & Insurance Committee, the Referral of Actuarial & Health Care Solutions Final Report. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **Draft Debarment Law and Moratorium Update:** **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to **TABLE** the Draft Debarment Law and Moratorium Update. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Quick Passage Amendment to the Asset Management Policy Manual (5 HCC § 5)

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 09-20-16 B**, Quick Passage Amendment to the Asset Management Policy Manual (5 HCC § 5). Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **HAND VOTE REQUIRES, 9 in FAVOR. MOTION DEFEATED.**
Resolution-Quick Passage Amendment to the Asset Management Policy Manual (5 HCC § 5)
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 09-20-16 C**, Quick Passage Amendment to the Asset Management Policy Manual (5 HCC § 5). Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **HAND VOTE REQUIRED. MOTION CARRIED.**
Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Process Concern-D2
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to **TABLE** the Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education Process. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Elder Roof/Tax Concern: **MOTION** by Rep. Andrea Estebo to strike the Elder Roof/Tax Code Issue from the agenda and to refer to the Finance Committee Meeting as a General Welfare Exclusion Issue. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
FY 2017 Indian Housing Plan & Annual Performance Report of the Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Housing Community Development Agency.
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to approve the FY 2017 Indian Housing Plan & Annual Performance of the Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Housing Community Development Agency Report. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Authorization of Payment to Tribal Financial Advisors, Inc. and Declaration of Intent to Reimburse Certain Costs from Project Forward Financing
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 09-20-16 D**, Authorization of Payment to Tribal Financial Advisors, Inc. and Declaration of Intent to Reimburse Certain Costs from Project Forward Financing. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 8-0-2 (Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Kathy DeCamp) **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:
Resolution – Requesting Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Funds through the 2017 Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant for Tree Planting, Elevated Risk Tree Removal, Arborist Training, and Completion of an Urban Tree Inventory for the Ho-Chunk Nation Communities.
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt the **Resolution 09-20-16 E**, Requesting Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Funds through the 2017 Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry Grant for Tree Planting, Elevated Risk Tree Removal, Arborist Training, and Completion of an Urban Tree Inventory for the Ho-Chunk Nation Communities. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution – Approval of the 2016-2018 Fire Service Agreement with the Black River Falls Fire Department, While Authorizing Payment from the Government-To-Government Line Item.
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to adopt the **Resolution 09-20-16 F**, Approval of the 2016-2018 Fire Service Agreement with the Black River Falls Fire Department, While Authorizing Payment from the Government-To-Government Line Item. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Authorization of Gaming Compact Credit and Funding Contribution to First Nations Community Financial.
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to request and update the resolution and Memorandum of Understanding for First Nations Community Financial and to refer to the next Finance Committee Meeting. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code (2 HCC § 7).
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 09-20-16 G**, Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code (2 HCC § 7). Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Legislative Branch Contract Process-Rep. Robert TwoBears Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel and Amanda

WhiteEagle, Attorney General and some of the Legislative staff will work together to decide on which contracts will utilize the electronic tracking contract process.
Tribal Aging Unit Building Concern (D1)-Rep. Greg Blackdeer
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to **TABLE** the Tribal Aging Unit Building Concern for District 1, until after lunch. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Upper Midwest Vintage Racing Series Octoberfest 2016 Sponsorship Event-D1: Rep. Andrea Estebo is out of the room.
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve of \$1,000.00 out of Charitable Contributions for the Upper Midwest Vintage Racing Series Octoberfest 2016 Sponsorship Event with reconciliation of funds. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 8-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation.
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 09-20-16 H**, National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Attendance Policy for HCG Slot Department (WD) and Table Games Departments-Rep. Lori Pettibone *Rep. Andrea Estebo returns.* Tribal member employees were present to discuss concerns that they had with the Attendance Policy that is more stringent over the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act.
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer to the Administration Committee Meeting and request the Attorney General and Legislative Attorneys to review the Attendance Policy so that it's in line with the Employment Relations Act. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Break for Lunch: **MOTION** by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to break for lunch at 12:20 p.m. for an hour. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m.
Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland-P

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
In Re the Paternity of: J.R.L., DOB 08/04/2013
Justin D. Littlewolf, Respondent.
Case No.: CS 16-62
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
You are hereby information that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).
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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Lightning T. Newrider, Petitioner, v. Keisha M. Vasquez, Respondent.
Case No.: CS 16-73
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Rep. Lori Pettibone-P
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Rep. David Greendeer-EX
Rep. Henning Garvin-P
Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-EX
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit-EX
Rep. Matt Mullen-P
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-EX
Rep. Robert TwoBears-P (1:40 p.m.)
Resolution-Opposition to Expansion and Renovation of New and Existing Oil Pipelines and Authorization to Engage In Governmental Relations.
Rep. Robert TwoBears is out of the room.
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 09-20-16 I**, Opposition to Expansion and Renovation of New and Existing Oil Pipelines and Authorization to Engage in Governmental Relations. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Conduct an Energy Audit.
Rep. Robert TwoBears and Rep. Andrea Estebo were out of the room.
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 09-20-16 J**, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Conduct an Energy Audit. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Probate Code for Trust or Restricted Property and Redesignation as (8 HCC § 12).
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 09-20-16 K**, Adoption of Amendments to the Probate Code for Trust or Restricted Property and Redesignation as (8 HCC § 12). Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 6-0-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Enactment of the Probate Code for Non-Trust Property (8 HCC § 13).
MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 09-20-16 L**, Enactment of the Probate Code for Non-Trust Property (8 HCC § 13). Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 6-0-2(Rep. Robert TwoBears, Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Resolution-Confirmation of Steve Abangan to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury.
MOTION by Rep. Henning

Garvin to adopt **Resolution 09-20-16 M**, Confirmation of Steve Abangan to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Treasury. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 6-0-3(Rep. Greg Blackdeer, Vice President Darren Brinegar, Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**
District Meeting: District 1 –Black River Falls District Meeting – September 14, 2016
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to Tribal Aging Unit, Office of the President, the **MOTION** by Cari Faye to move to the next step on doing an information and feasibility study for the Assisted Living Facility project to be completed in the next six months. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 8-0-1(Rep. Douglas Greengrass) **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to Enrollment Department, Law Enforcement Commission and Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Forrest Funmaker to look into the feasibility of introducing the enhanced Tribal ID’s, either through the Enrollment Department or the LEC, and to look into what Grants are available to fund this and report back to next month’s area meeting. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to the next Legislative Meeting, Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Marlon WhiteEagle to have a report of the activity and purpose of the Audit Committee and any findings they made to be compiled and brought back to the area, also including the rationale behind the dissolving of the committee. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 5-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-3(Rep. Douglas Greengrass, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**
Rep. Greg Blackdeer is out of the room.
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to the Finance Committee, Legislative Counsel and the Financial Examiner the **MOTION** by Gary Funmaker to rescind the Legislative resolution allocating the funding for the Milwaukee Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and give the funding to the Nation’s Labor Department. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 7-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0

MOTION CARRIED.
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to the Financial Examiner and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Tina Brown for a quarterly report to be created including all donations that the Nation provides. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to Office of the President and Administration Department the **MOTION** by Hattie Walker to have a District 1 Branch Office. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 5-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-2(Rep. Douglas Greengrass, Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**
District 2 –Baraboo District Meeting – September 19, 2016
General Council Resolutions
Rep. Andrea Estebo requests the past General Council Resolutions from 2000-2012 be a Standing Agenda Item on the Legislative Agenda, per discussion from the District Meeting.
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Ho-Chunk Nation Higher Education, and (Executive Branch)the **MOTION** by Kimberly Crowley requesting an update on the Nations funding accredited schools and plans moving forward. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
READ FOR THE RECORD:
MOTION by Kimberly Crowley to accept the nominations for the Dane/ Sauk County HHCDA Board of Commissioners.
MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to refer to the Finance Committee for consideration, and to the Financial Examiner to bring back numbers, pending the audit projections the **MOTION** by Owen Cloud that the Christmas bonus be \$1000 for elders 60+, \$750 for adults, 18-59, \$200 for kids 0-17. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
HCG-Dells Roof Concern:
The District would like an update, the Office of the President will provide this and forward to the Legislators.
District 3 –Wittenberg District Meeting – September 12, 2016
Rep. Matt Mullen is out of the room.
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to the next Finance Committee Meeting the **MOTION** by Mary Bigjohn to support the Wittenberg Youth with funding for the Youth Suicide Prevention Conference December 16-18, 2016 in the amount of \$25,000.00. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
READ FOR THE RECORD:
MOTION by Mary Bigjohn to cease payment on any advance travel and hotel rooms for the GCA Agents and alternates, GCA staff and GCA executive committee members; living within the 50 mile radius of the General Council 2016 meeting location. Should vouchers/checks be present to Legislative check signers

Legislators requested to not sign?
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to the Attorney General and Treasury the **MOTION** by Lynette Walker any General Council Agents and alternates, GCA staff and GCA executive committees members, of those within the 50 mile radius “Treasury Dept. Accounts Payable Policy” receive a hotel room for General Council 2016 they must reimburse the cost of the hotel to Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
READ FOR THE RECORD:
MOTION by Cici Antone to accept Myrna Littlewolf as the Wittenberg General Council Agent.
READ FOR THE RECORD:
MOTION by Mary Bigjohn “Generously donated by Ho-Chunk Nation” with the seal. This is regarding the Eland Park Signage in honor of the Ho-Chunk Nation.
District 3 –Wisconsin Dells District Meeting – September 19, 2016
Rep. Matt Mullen returns.
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to HHCDA the **MOTION** by Alicia Miner to have Melanie Stacy at the October Area Meeting to explain the funding limitations and perimeters of the Organic Community Garden end of the year funds. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-0-1 (Rep. Matt Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to the next Finance Committee Meeting the **MOTION** by Garrick Cleveland Sr. funding for the 2016-17 Native American Awareness week for all districts to be reconciled. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
District 3 –Wisconsin Rapids District Meeting – September 14, 2016
No motions.
District 3 –Green Bay District Meeting – September 15, 2016
READ FOR THE RECORD:
MOTION by Mary Lopez to ask the Legislative check signers “why are checks for GCA: Finance Adhoc, and GCA travelers covered by motion to attend a meeting with Treasury; being denied or not being denied.”
District 3 –Milwaukee District Meeting – September 14, 2016
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to the Attorney General and Election Board the **MOTION** by Miguel Contreras to switch the Election Board Delegate, Alex Lange, and Election Board Alternate, Ben Krause. Alex will become the Alternate and Ben will become the Delegate and they will finish out their current terms. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
District 5-Minneapolis/ St. Paul District Meeting – September 15, 2016
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve and allocate funds on an expedited

basis out of the District 5 Community Fund regarding the **MOTION** by Mark Stroessner for the Ho-Chunk Nation to allocate \$2,000.00 to the Indian Health Board of Minneapolis to help fund their 11th Annual Native American Day Celebration on an expedited basis. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. **HAND VOTE IS REQUIRED.** 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve and allocate funds on an expedited basis out of the District 5 Community Fund regarding the **MOTION** by Robert Pilot for the Ho-Chunk Nation to make a Charitable Contribution of \$1,500.00 to Indigenous Roots for the Youth Caravan to Standing Rock. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. **HAND VOTE IS REQUIRED.** 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to accept Michael Goze to continue to be the District 5 HHCDA Board of Commissioner. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Conference Approvals: 13th Annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference: Saving Children, Saving Families, Saving Communities.
MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to allow up to four Legislators to attend the 13th Annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Conference: Saving Children, Saving Families, Saving Communities. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
Tribal Aging Unit Building Concern (DI)-Rep. Greg Blackdeer
A budget modification will not be needed, as the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Services will take care of the issue through their budget.
EXECUTIVE SESSION
MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to go in to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
2:48p.m.
5:24p.m.-Rep. Andrea Estebo and Rep. Henning Garvin are excused from the meeting.
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
5:43 p.m.
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
ADJOURNMENT:
MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adjourn the Legislative Meeting. The next meeting will take place at the Tribal Executive Offices in Black River Falls at 10:00 a.m. on October 4, 2016. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**
The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by, Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, *Tribal Secretary*

SUMMONS
(First Publication)
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT
Shereena Rose Baker, Petitioner, v. Montgomery James Green, Jr., Respondent.
Case No.: CS 16-67
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
You are hereby information that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.36. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order. Id.*, § 7.36(b)(v).
The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

Native American comedians deliver at Pow Wow Comedy show

Tim Wohlers
Staff Writer

They say laughter is the best medicine. If so, then the entertainers at this year's Pow Wow Comedy show certainly filled the prescription. The performers included female comedian Dinah Leffert, free-style rapper MC Red Cloud, veteran JR Redwater, and his son Titan Redwater.

"This is really good to bring Natives together," the younger Redwater said. "And that's what everybody needs to be doing, is coming together."

The free event took place at HCG-Black River Falls, on the eve of Labor Day. Tribal member John Thundercloud served as master of ceremonies for the night.

"Tris Harris got ahold of me about two weeks ago," Thundercloud said. "They were talking about who could possibly host tonight. And my name came up. Apparently, they think I'm funny."

Thundercloud broke the ice by welcoming the audience, and sharing stories from his childhood. The crowd burst out in laughter, as everyone could relate to receiving well-deserved discipline from his or her elders.

"We always want to make fun of the people that are kind of holding us back," said JR Redwater. "And that's a win for us, when we got somebody on stage – like me – making fun of it, where we can all laugh and not have ill feelings or anything."

Leffert then got the show under way with her opening act. Acting as a spokesperson for the Jewish community, she expressed the views shared by many members of an oppressed minority. Leffert got big laughs from the crowd with lines like "The Jews and the Sioux's should tribe up." The subject matter helped the female comedian connect to the mainly Native American audience.

"You're going to get laughs based on relatability and references," Leffert said. "If you can anchor yourself with three

to five things that really anchor you with the people that are here, then all of the other stuff that you talk about will land even better."

Next to the stage was 19-year-old Titan Redwater, who had never performed at the event before. The "Native Kid" indulged the audience with a unique style of ethnic humor that addressed the inner urge to bow to Asian men.

"We have a very different brand of humor," master speaker Andi Thundercloud said, in regard to the Native American community. "If the majority of people listened to some of the things we think are funny, they wouldn't think so."

MC Red Cloud took the stage next, showcasing his natural talent for freestyle rap. To prove that the performance was truly extemporaneous, and not rehearsed, the artist walked around the audience before the start of the show and asked people for random words they wanted to hear incorporated into his freestyle. Once on stage, Red Cloud then worked these words into his rap. The rapper's seamless integration of words such as "supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" into the freestyle left spectators highly impressed.

"Red Cloud's a legend," said Titan. "He's a great artist."

Last but not least, the "Reservation Sensation" JR Redwater hit the stage. Jest-ing with the crowd, he brought down the house with some self-deprecating humor about Native Americans.

After years of experience, the veteran of comedy has perfected his routine with a polished act and a seemingly offhanded delivery. At one point in the act, JR even turned the spotlight on an unfortunate passerby with a "flat backside." But as the MC pointed out, it was all in good fun.

"It's in us to enjoy humor," said Thundercloud. "Back when people first documented meeting Native Americans,



JR Redwater headlines the Pow Wow Comedy show, which took place on Labor Day weekend.

that's what they talked about. They were celebrating and laughing."

And on this night, they were laughing again. The audience definitely seemed to enjoy the acts. In fact, everyone at the show felt pleased with the night's performances.

"I would say it's a success," JR said. "I'm very happy with this turnout tonight."

Most people came to see the renowned JR Redwater. However, the other entertainers played an important supporting role.

"I had no idea that I was going to perform tonight," Leffert said. "But I'm so glad that I did."

For one of the comedians, the evening represented a re-birth into the world of stand-up comedy. Prior to this night, Titan Redwater had not taken the stage for years.

"This was my first show in a while," Titan said. "So it was a pretty big-time deal for me."

Fortunately, Titan rocked the mic and earned his stripes among stand-up comedians. Like the other performers, he hopes to return in the future. The same could probably be said of everyone in the audience who experienced some heartfelt laughter, thanks to the great entertainment at this year's Pow Wow Comedy show.



Titan Redwater, 19, makes his debut at the Pow Wow Comedy show. He has been doing comedy since the age of 14.



Freestyle rapper MC Red Cloud shows off his impressive improvisational skills.



Master of ceremonies John Thundercloud welcomes the audience to HCG-Black River Falls.



Comedian Dinah Leffert shares the female perspective.

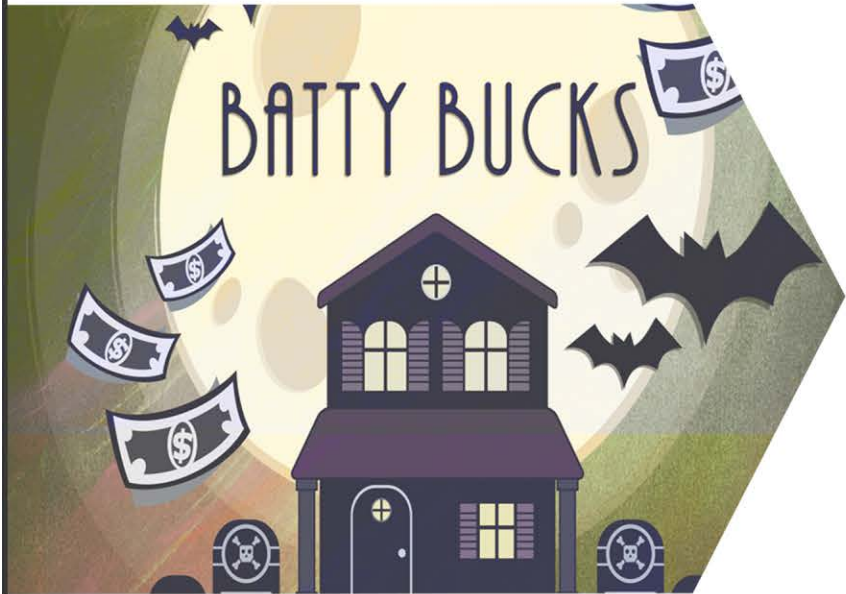


DRESS UP TO WIN

OCT 31ST | DOORS OPEN AT 4PM

Play Bingo in costume this Halloween for a chance to win \$500. Top five costumes to receive the most votes win. Must be playing Bingo with a valid door receipt and dressed in costume to win. Voting begins at 7pm.

(1st)-\$500 (2nd)-\$400 (3rd)-\$300 (4th)-\$200 (5th)-\$100



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Section 17 Corporation

Twelve Clans, Inc. is Seeking Board Candidate to fill Board Vacancy

Qualifications of Board Member

Twelve Clans, Inc. is seeking to fill a vacancy on the Board of Directors.

In accordance with Article XI(B)(3)(4), the Director shall be a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is an attorney with appropriate experience, education and background in business matters.

Additionally, the Director shall possess the level of business experience and expertise to be necessary to carry out duties of Board Directors and to contribute to the ability of the Corporation to achieve the purpose for which this Charter is issued.

If you are interested in learning more about the position or would like to refer another person for the position, please email info@12-clans.com.

All recommended Board Candidates must take and pass criminal background check:

- No person convicted of a felony shall sit on the Board.
- No person who has ever been convicted of any crime involving theft or conversion of money or property shall sit on the Board.
- Shall give preference to a person who have good moral character and who meet the requisite licensing requirement, if any.

HO-CHUNK NATION

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Are you living with physical, emotional, or financial abuse?

There is HELP & There is HOPE!

We serve adult women and men, native and non-native who have experienced domestic or sexual violence. Our services are free and confidential.

We Offer:

- Domestic Violence Advocacy
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- Supportive Listening
- Restraining Order Assistance
- Resource Referrals
- Court Accompaniment
- Crisis Line 24/7 1-877-847-8689
- Safety Planning
- Transportation Assistance
- Community Education

If you are not ready or are unable to leave your partner, we can still help

Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division

715-284-2622 Ext. 5135

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October

Elders Birthdays



1 Rachel Haas

Eleanore Johnson

Frank Johnson Jr.

Vanverd Dick Jr.

Serena Yellowthunder

2 Dolli Bigjohn

Joseph Keller

3 Joseph White

Kay Decorah

Sanford Conant

Sandra Martin

Maynard Funmaker

4 Bebe Lee

5 Iris Laes

7 Gene Whitewater

Andrew Thundercloud Jr.

Archie White Eagle

Patricia Eagleman

Deborah Modjeska

8 Frederick Mallory Sr.

Irene Keenan

9 Edward Littlejohn Jr.

10 Valentina Bedford

Carson Funmaker

11 Ramona Godsby

Harry Whitehorse

Reta Littlegeorge

Linda Hopinkah

12 Cleland Goodbear

Theresa Hartman

Sherry White

Donald St Cyr

Loa Porter

Cynthia Decorah

Ronald Kirkwood

13 Anthony Oknewski

14 Edward Mc Cabe

John Tudahl

14 Timothy Whiteagle

Evelyn Shepard

Decorah, Lona

15 William Greendeer

16 Wayne Decorah

Frances Little Wolf

Duane Prescott

17 Ellen Stenseth

Parmenton Decorah

Robert Johnson

Linda Greendeer

18 Rose Saylor

Gary Funmaker Sr.

Sophie Paremski

19 John Funmaker

Joyce Williams

20 Peter Oknewski Sr.

Daryl Thundercloud

21 Alan Monegar

Patricia Thunder Hawk

26 Ida Carrier

David Esau Sr.

Bradley Smith

Crystal Young

Peter Camacho

Tina Hindsley

27 Paulina Brandes

Lawrence Geyer

28 Cynthia Yellowcloud

George Kearnes

Jon Pettibone

29 Colin Carrimon

Benjamin Decorah

30 Florine Johnson

Bonnie Smith

31 Judith Buffalo

Dennis Funmaker

Michael Day

Notice of Vacancy and Deadline

For Districts 1, 3 & 5 to Nominate

Election Board Delegate and Alternate

Districts	EB Delegate	Alternate
Black River Falls	1	1
Wisconsin Rapids	1	1
Wittenberg	1	1
Wisconsin Dells	1	1
Green Bay	1	1
Chicago	1	1
St. Paul/Minneapolis	1	1

TERMS: All Election board members shall serve terms of two (2) years. Election Board members may serve more than one term.

NOMINATIONS: One (1) Election Board Delegate and One (1) Election Board Alternate to represent each District must be voted upon during your District’s monthly meeting in November 2016.

The District’s meeting minute must include each District’s nomination for Election Board Delegate and Alternate. The minutes must be presented or faxed to the Election Board Office no later than

4:00 PM – FRIDAY, December 2, 2016

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE

206 S. Roosevelt Road

P.O. Box 756

Black River Falls, WI. 54615

715/284-8900 • 800/890-0583 • 715/284-8600 Fax

Posted 10/1/2016

Passing of Jean Ann Day

When I heard the news of Jean's passing I was both saddened and surprised. I did not know she was ill. If I had known I would have reached out to her and tried to support her in any way I could.

Jean was a true friend to me for all the years I knew her. Her passing reminds me of so many things back in those days at Oglala so long ago.

She was a such a bright light and a young woman full of courage who came to Oglala without hesitation to join us in protecting the elders there. And she did so much work to free me from prison all these years. I am grateful

to her for that.

Over the years here I have thought of her often and in my dreams of freedom there were always a few faces I expected to see if I ever walked out of here. Jean's was one of them.

I know she was doing wonderful work in the effort to bring healing and positive change to her Ho-Chunk people and I was always proud of her for that.

I regret that I could not be there for her ceremonies so I could offer comfort to her children and grandchildren, but I can only send these few heart-felt words.



Jean Ann Day

You were a great woman and your life made a real difference to me... and to so many others.

Rest in peace, my dear friend. 'Til I see you again.

*Doksha,
Leonard Peltier*

Christine Steeples

1932 – 2016

My name is Marguerite LeBeck, on behalf of my sister Christine Steeples, (1932-2016) I would like to convey one of her wishes. Because Christine died recently and unexpectedly, she did not get a chance to carry out her own desire to say thank you.

She wanted the HCN tribe to know how honored she was to be a member. Christine served the tribe briefly as a legislator and in other capacities. Unfortunately working so far from home caused unforeseen difficulties.

She was very grateful for the benefits offered to Elders, and Elite Elders not only for herself, but for all members. The generosity of the tribe to create and execute per cap payments was a blessing. As we age into Elder and Elite Elder capacities and experience more medical issues, the health insurance was one more blessing among numerous others. Her quality of life was definitely enhanced by the willing generosity of the tribe.

Once again, a sincere and heartfelt thank you to all Ho-Chunks from Christine Steeples.

*Marguerite LeBeck
for Christine Steeples*

Ho-Chunk Housing & Community
Development Agency (PAID) Volunteer
Opportunities:

What: AmeriCorps VISTA worker position (2)

When: Start date November 14, 2016

Interested/Apply:
<https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=69951&fromSearch=true>

Additional Info: <https://www.vistacampus.gov/how-apply-ameri-corps-vista>

Contact Person: please call HHCDa at 608-374-1245 and ask to talk with Paul Tysse –or- Melanie Stacy

You can also email at paul.tysse@ho-chunk.com and Melanie.stacy@ho-chunk.com

Judy Ann Yellowbank

Judy Ann Yellowbank, Caxsep Winga, 60, of Sioux City, Iowa, passed into the Spirit World Monday October 3, 2016, following a lengthy illness. She was surrounded by her beloved family.

Wake services will begin Tuesday October 4th, 2016 at 7 p.m. with Terry Medina officiating until service time at Four Directions Community Center located at 613 Water Street in Sioux City, Iowa. Burial will be in Winnebago Cemetery, Winnebago, Nebraska. Funeral services will be at 12:00 p.m. Thursday October 6th, 2016 at Four Directions Community Center. Arrangements are under the direction of the Winnebago Tribe Wake and Burial Program.

Judy was born November 5th, 1955 to Isaac Yellowbank and Josephine Brown-Crow. She was raised in Sioux City and belonged to the Eagle Clan. She was the best frybread maker.

She attended Nebraska Indian Community College and was on the Student Senate. She then transferred to Wayne State College in Wayne, Nebraska, where she was on the Honor Roll and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Sciences. She served on sub-committees under the Sioux City Community Schools for Desegregation and Magnet Schools. She also served as a parent advisor to Indian Dance Clan and helped organize Native cultural programs. She previously served in advisory positions for the Sioux City American Indian Center and put in many, many volunteer hours in almost every area.

Upon completion of obtaining her Bachelor's Degree, she became a teacher for a brief time at Winnebago Public School in Winnebago, Nebraska and was a Social Worker for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. She then went on to pursue a career as a Social Worker for the Department of Human Services in Sioux City, Iowa. She was a former board member of the Sioux City Indian Education Committee, she served on the Board of Directors of the Woodbury Community Action Agency, and Sioux City Indian JOM Program as a former chairperson. She was on the Iowa Commission of Native American Affairs (ICNAA), an Advocate for the former Native Family Resource Center, Program Manager of Four Directions Community Center, a member of Community Initiative for Native Children and Families (CINCF), A democratic delegate for the state of Iowa, and was a founder of The Annual Memorial March to Honor Lost Children. She was a strong leader who fought for Native family rights under the Indian and Children Welfare Act (ICWA) on behalf of the Native American Community of the surrounding Sioux City area. She helped many countless families to reunite and helped restore their rights. She was a positive role model and a strong advocate of the Sioux City Native American community.

She was a Pipe Carrier and Sundanced for many years. She loved her Dakota/Lakota Traditional Ways and walked the Canku Luta (Red Road) with her family.

In her relationship with Michael Gene John, her two older children were born. Following her first relationship, she married John BigEagle Sr. They had five children.

She is survived by her husband, John BigEagle Sr., her daughters: Kristina Yellowbank, Joellen (Norberto) Tafolla, her sons: Anthony (Georgianna) Yellowbank Sr., Isaac (Courtney) Yellowbank, John Jr. (KaMarie) Big Eagle, Dawson (Reva) Big Eagle, Jesse Saul Big Eagle, Dustin (Jessica) Big Eagle, her adopted sons: Willie Arpan, and Daniel (Kassie) Wood, her sisters: Frieda (Donnie) Breum, Elizabeth (Dennis Sr.) Robertson, her brothers: Martin Yellowbank and Robert Yellowbank, 35 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents: Isaac Yellowbank and Josephine Brown-Crow, brothers: James Yellowbank and John Crowe, sisters: Jeanette Yellowbank, Fern Yellowbank, Jean (Yellowbank) Roberts and Helen John, granddaughter Helena Mae Yellowbank.

Honorary Pallbearers are Pam Red Buffalo, Kim Bedford, Carol Bear Shield, Elida Bell, Theresa Wabasha, Celeste Honomichl, Verla Feather Earring, Dolly Flowers and Wanda Enamorado.

Active Pallbearers are Anthony Yellowbank Sr., Isaac Yellowbank, Willie Arpan, Michael John Jr., John Big Eagle Jr., Dawson Big Eagle, Jesse Big Eagle, Dustin Big Eagle and Daniel Wood.

Pac Haci Youth- Summer Enrichment-Community Service Project

This summer, the Youth in Wittenberg took on a culturally enriched community service project. The youth learned about our clan system:

The Upper Clans
Wakaja (Thunder) - Represented by a pipe. This clan functioned as guardian of peace.

Wonagire Waksik (Warrior) - Represented by a spear. They served as soldiers during wartime and served as judges for the tribe.

Caxsep (Eagle) - Represented by Eagle head. They served as body guards of the chief. They also served as soldiers in warfare.

Ruce (Pigeon) - Represented by pigeon. Served as body guards of the chiefs.

The Lower Clans
Cexji (Buffalo) - Represented by the buffalo. Served as village criers, carrying out and reporting the decisions and instructions of the Chief in the four directions. They also served as intermediaries between the Chief and the tribe.

Huc (Bear) - Represented by the bear paw print. Primary function was to serve as police officers in a peace-keeping role, to ensure discipline within the Tribe and to carry out orders delegated from the Thunder Clan.

Ca (Deer) - Represented by the deer paw print with a flower on it. They held responsibilities related to the environment and weather.

Sukjak (Wolf) - Represented by the wolf paw print. They administered public health and safety. The wolf clan was called upon to "Still the winds" and served as soldiers in combat.

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Huwa (Elk) - Represented by the elk paw print in fire. They distributed and maintained fire throughout the village and while on a hunt. When at war this clan was in charge of the sacred fire.

Ho (Fish) - Represented by the fish. Their responsibilities related to engineering, commerce, and the environment.

Wakjexi (Water Spirit) - Represented in the bottom of the applique. Responsibility of protecting the tribes' water supply and issues of water used in the sacred ceremonies. They were also the physicians, using herbs, sacred water and ceremonies to heal.

Waka (Snake) - Represented by the snake. Held responsibilities related to



Picture of youth signing the bridge with their hand print.



Olivia C., painting the applique that represents the Upper and Lower clan boundaries. The tree represent the forest here at Pac Haci. The waves help represent the Wakjexi.

sanitation and community service. Served as defenders of the village.

After learning about the clan system we embarked on cleaning up the underside of the bridge. Which for the longest time was covered with inappropriate graffiti. See pictures of before. The bridge is on Witt-Birn Townline Rd. I want to back up a little, this project came about when some of our little's were asking questions about what some of that graffiti means. When I asked what we could do to clean up that area a few suggested repainting it. After some hard work of tracking down both townships to approve the community service project and the help of Nicole Homer, we were able to get waivers from Wittenberg and Birnamwood townships.

I would also like to take the time to thank all the wonderful painters who helped on this project- Olivia C., Rayann Wulf., Jazmyn M., Camryn L., India O., Andres S., Aliana S., Isabella A., Julius M., Ariana W., Cardell L., Kylee B., and Halle B. I would also like to thanks Eric Lemieux and Tabbitha Roth.



Before picture with Olivia C.



Olivia C., and Rayann W. penciling in the applique design.



The finished mural.



Another picture of some of the youth signing with their hand print.